



## WAIANAE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 24

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### Wai`anae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24

#### Parks and Recreation Committee Notes

May 11, 2006

Attendees: Committee Members: Cynthia K.L. Rezentes, William Aila, Melva Aila, Jo Jordan. Community members: Tulu Toa, Laura Pitolo, Deonne Tavares-Carden, Albert Delecomio, Paulette Delecomio, Ed Lauer

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Committee Chair Jo Jordan.
- II. Approval of December Meeting minutes: Defer to June
- III. Community Concerns:
  - A. Graffiti located at Nanakuli Bridge, on buildings on Old Government Road and in Ma`ili
  - B. Pu`u O Hulu Community Park Issues raised at regular board meeting held May 2, 2006. Some of the concerns include: illegal riding of pocket bikes and mopeds in the area, trash left after events and loud music being played. Also there is no comfort station at the park for the events. One recommendation is to close the park and remove it to build houses.

A long discussion ensued regarding the history of the Neighborhood Board attempting to work with City government to get funding approved to build a comfort station, parking area, ball courts, etc. and the problems encountered with Schuler in being granted access to "E" road for an entrance into the proposed parking area. The residents stated that road "E" has been turned over to the City. The chair will investigate when money may be inputted into which budget year to complete the improvements to the park since all the plans are completed and only awaiting access and money. Also, in July of 2005, the Board supported a joint request by HPD and the City Parks Department for closure of all City and County parks along the Wai`anae Coast from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.
  - C. Lahilahi "Botanical" Garden: Is overgrown, a fire hazard, homeless/houseless occupation of the area. It is time to re-visit "Adopt-A-Park" for the area.
  - D. Homeless/Houseless Concerns regarding our beach parks. A long discussion ensued regarding some of the reasons for the increasing numbers of homeless/houseless living at our beach parks, including the numbers of individuals (total, children, down on luck vs other, etc).
- IV. Previous Business Update
  - A. Signage Identifying Entry Into State Park: W. Aila continues to work with other community members to identify the means to "dig" into the blue rock in the area to install the signs that are completed and ready.
  - B. Makua Waterline & Usage: W. Aila along with a DLNR representative need to do an on-sight inspection of the situation.
  - C. State DOT Road Improvements on Farrington Highway: There was a question whether the installed flashing light near Ke`awaula is on the wrong side of the road for safety purposes. The "dip" at the bridge near Kane`ana has been fixed.
  - D. City and County Park Updates: Pu`u O Hulu Park was discussed during Community Concerns. Kaupuni Community Park: Still waiting for two (2) permits to be granted: grading permit and building permit.
  - E. Closure of Ke`awaula Beach Park at Night: A meeting, hosted by DLNR, will be held on May 23, 2006 at the Wai`anae District Park meeting room starting at 6:30 p.m. DLNR will place a notification in the newspaper(s). William Aila moved and Melva Aila seconded a motion for the committee to recommend to the full board that the Wai`anae Coast Neighborhood Board support DLNR's request to close Ke`awaula Beach Park, by signage, at night per hours consistent with other state parks. The motion carried unanimously.
- V. Open Discussion
  - A. West Oahu Ocean Operational Protocols: Carry over to next meeting
  - B. Impacts of Commercial Cultural Tourism: Carry over to next meeting
  - C. Other: 1. Na Keiki o Ka Mo`i Canoe Club would like to see the Poka`i Bay Canoe Halau named for their founder and leader of many years: Rona Kaaekuahiwi. They will be taking this request to



the City and it will be placed on next month's committee agenda. 2. Pikake Pelekai of the Wai`anae Homestead is reported to be considering rescinding their support of the proposed Verizon antenna to be placed on the Chen farm in Wai`anae Valley.

VI. Adjournment: There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on June 8, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wai`anae Neighborhood Community Center Conference Room.

Minutes submitted by: Cynthia K. L. Rezentes